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: DECISION ON PETITION

TO WITHDRAW

HOLDING OF

ABANDONMENT

In re Application of

Tomas Back et al

Serial No. : 10/020,401

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: December 18, 2001

For

: Method and Arrangement for Producing Elongate

Support Element and Product, and Use of the Support

Element

This decision is responsive to a status inquiry filed February 4, 2004, which inquiry is now being treated as a petition/request to review the holding of abandonment mailed February 6, 2004 for failure to respond to the Office action mailed May 16, 2003. There is no fee required for this petition.

In support of the request, petitioner has submitted a copy of an amendment that included a certificate of facsimile transmission dated August 6, 2003. Petitioner has also included a copy of a facsimile transmission report confirming transmission of the papers in question on August 6, 2003.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed February 6, 2003 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. Upon the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Examiner via the Legal Instruments Examiner for entry and consideration of the response filed August 6, 2003.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.

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